

Corinth Conservation Commission Minutes January 7, 2019 Unapproved

Members present: Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier. Brad Wheeler. Members absent: Lindle Sutton

Guests: George Burge, Ginny Barlow, Ken Arkind.

Meeting called to order 7:03pm

Action Items: Dina will make posters for the snowshoe/full moon walk and the tracking walk.

Dina will call WRVS to see about busing students to Roots school for tracking workshop. Marian will post these on LRN.

I. Agenda Changes. Green Up first, then EAB Grant. Add tree pruning

II. Dec. 3, 2018 minutes . Dina moved to approve the minutes, Jon seconded. All in favor.

III. Public comment. Mr. Burge expressed interest in the CCC in particular the Town Forest.

IV. Green Up Day planning. Ken Arkind enthusiastically offered to lead the Green Up Day activities again. Many thanks. Topics discussed were: another intern, T-shirts, bags, prizes, tires, sign up process. Ken will contact Oxbow High School and Thetford Academy to seek an intern who might want to do this project as community service. Bags will be at the Town Hall and the Library. The Green Up T-shirts were all taken but we have no idea of whether people wore them on Green up Day. Costs will be compared to have the date on them or not. Feeling was to continue having the T-shirts but perhaps charge a small fee: \$1? The kiosk winner plaque will be continued and perhaps also have a basket of goodies from Crossmolina, Mountain View Winery, Blythedale cheese, Slack syrup?? Ok to have a "team" win the plaque. Tire disposal money still to be paid by the town; there is \$300 to be voted on at Town Meeting but it will go into the CCC account. There will be a Sign Up map at Town Meeting. Perhaps the town newsletter could include a way to mail in or email in sign up choices.

V. Tracking Walk. March 16 was selected for the Roots School's Sarah and Brad to have two groups of 10 each from 9-12 and 1-4. \$350 for the day. Brad has no experience with Waits River Valley School. Dina will call the principal to explore how that tracking and natural observation workshop would fit into the curriculum for any particular grade and see if the school would pay to bus the students to the Roots school. CCC would pay \$600 for the whole day with two groups of students. Only boots would be needed.

VI. EAB grant . Ginny Barlow reported the state has grant money up to \$1,600 for a town to purchase iPads to document the location of ash trees on 30% of class 3 roads(49 miles) and all class 2 roads (22 miles).The application is due Jan. 31. Ginny is writing the grant.

VI. Full Moon snowshoe walk. Jon Spanier has offered his place from 7-9 for a FIRE, FOOD and FULL MOON walk. On January 20. There is a full moon eclipse that night for those who want to linger. Snowshoeing around the meadow under the full moon will be featured along with folks bringing finger food. Marian will send the notice out on LRN. Dina will make posters.

VII. Tree pruning. The maples along the road by the Center Road Cemetery need pruning. Ginny suggests having Peter Amber be paid to teach us how to prune them. Ginny will take the branches away. She suggests March 23.

IX. New Building at Transfer station. A building has been purchased that has two parts: warming "hut" for workers and room for "the Mall". Uncertain about how many months to run the Mall.

X. Orchard management Plan. Dina brought up that the plan needs to have the basic intentions/mission/purpose. Details of paying for services (mowing, pruning, soil tests), dealing with invasive chervil, dropped apples, mulching etc. need to be anticipated and described so that future caretakers have a model to follow. Dina feels strongly that a sign needs to be on the orchard land to welcome local pickers and warn that dropped apples must be washed. Concerned about insurance coverage.

XI. Bottle Duty. Jan. 12- Kevin Eaton, Jan. 19- Kevin Buchanan, Jan. 26- Linda Tobin, Feb. 2- Brad Wheeler

XII. Agenda for February 4, 2019 meeting: orchard management plan. Green Burial, Green Up Day, Tracking Walk and Full moon walk follow up and Bottle Duty.

XIII. Adjournment. 8:50 Glynn moves to adjourn. Dina seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by Dina DuBois

Corinth Conservation Commission minutes February 4, 2019 Unapproved

Members present: Jon Spanier, Kevin Eaton, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Brad Wheeler, Glynn Pelligrino, Dina DuBois. Member absent. Absent Kevin Buchanan, Lindle Sutton. Guest: Chris Groschner

I.Meeting called to order 7:05

ACTION ITEMS: Dina will organize Green Burial Forum. Dina will email Orchard management plan comments to members. Brad will coordinate with ROOTS School/WRVS tracking. Post on LRN the public tracking walk

II. Agenda changes. Bottles Apple pruning, agenda for next meeting, Mushroom walk. Under other business.

III. Approval of Jan. minutes. Kevin asked to underline number IV, V, X. Change number VI to VII. Glynn moved to approve. Linda seconded. All in favor.

III. Public comment. Chris Groschner reported that he will ask the select board to write a letter to the land owner adjacent to the West Corinth Cemetery asking if she would be willing to sell that to the town as a green burial site. This would provide an inexpensive and alternative way for burial in this rural community.

Discussions followed about CCC looking into having an educational forum on this topic. That will be announced during the town meeting by Glenn. During other business at town meeting Chris will inquire if people are interested in green burial in Corinth. Such a purchase would have to be budgeted for in November budget meetings.

IV. Green Burial. Dina has been in touch with Green Burial Vermont and will organize with them when to put on the public educational forum and what the format will be. March 30 and 31st was suggested or perhaps in April. How long would the program be? If it were to be in April it could go into the town newsletter for April, May, June. The Select Board would meet with the cemetery commission to explore by law changes for green burial in a town cemetery.

V. Tracking Walks. Roots School will do *two Tracking Walks* March 16: 9-12 and 1-4 with 12 in each group. Brad will post the walk on LRN the week of Feb. 18 for the first posting and handle reservations, directions and questions. *WRVS tracking workshop/walk* will be worked out with Sarah and Brad and Sue Pratt at WRVS. WRVS principal was willing to pay for buses to take the students to the school but that may be too complex. Roots School's Sarah and Brad are willing to go to the school to do the workshop. Glynn moved to allocate \$600 for the WRVS educational tracking workshop. Seconded by Kevin Eaton. All in favor.

VI. Green Up Day. Ken reported he has explored contributions for the Green Up Day award of a basket of local goodies. Melissa Eaton will pursue T-shirts for this year as she did last year.

VII. Orchard management Plan. Dina will email her comments to members. Glynn stated the three things that stand out: keep up mowing, management of drops and picking, physical management- Pruning, managing the fruit, invasives. CCC is overseeing body but good to form a group to work on the management plan. Glynn moved to form a group to help with the orchard management plan. Seconded by Jon. All in favor.

VIII. Town Meeting. Glynn will give the CCC report and mention the tracking walk and green burial forum.

IX. Bottles. Kevin E reported on the possible bottle pick up by Vermont Redemption. Because what is needed for that would be too burdensome for transfer station use, the CCC will continue to bring the bottles to Bradford. Discussion continued on old bags and cans for use and whether to get large clear strong plastic bags. Feb.9- Jon, Feb 16- Marian, Feb.23- Dutton or Brad, Mar. 2 Kevin B.

X. Maple pruning. Peter Amber will prune the maple trees along the Center Road cemetery and show folks how to prune them. Ginny will take the branches. Glynn moved to pay him \$250 for the work. Marian seconded. All in favor.

XII. Mushroom walk. Brad is investigating the group called Mushroom Forager to walk with 18 people. Possible dates Sept.14 or 15, Aug.3 or, July 27 or 28. \$400 for two hours.10-noon. Dina asked why we don't ask people to pay for these walks. We have money from bottle redemption.

XIII. Other business. Kevin moved to reimburse Brad \$39.95 for bags. Linda seconded. All in favor.

XIV. Agenda for next meeting March 4, 2019 7:00 Town Hall.

1. Call to order.2. Agenda changes, 3. Green Burial, 4. Orchard Management, 5.Roots school update,
- 6.Mushroom walk, 7.pruning, 8.Green Up Day, 9.events,10. Bottles, 11. Other business. 12.Agenda

Submitted by Dina DuBois

Corinth Conservation Commission minutes March 4, 2019- unapproved

Members present: Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Jon Spanier, Brad Wheeler, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley

Absent: Lindle Sutton. Guests: Chris Groschner, Ken Arkind

I. Call to order: &:04 by Glynn Pellagrino

Action items. Ken LRN notice of Green Up map for library, Dina: posters for Green burial forum FACEBOOK posting, town website posting CCC Minutes and LRN notices for that. Forum set up: Marian- coffee, Dina- tea and will ask Renee to make donuts and contact Michelle at Green Burial. Brad will set up chairs .Brad will post on LRn about maple tree pruning. Glen. call Asa re bottles.

II. Agenda changes: add at end of list : Upper Valley Conservation Commission conference,
Emerald Ash Borer, Arbor day, Town Meeting

III. Public comment. Chris Groschner reported that the select board has sent a letter to the owner of the property next to the West Corinth Cemetery to see if the town could purchase the property for use as a green burial cemetery.

IV. Green Up Day. Ken reported the sign up road map is in Town Hall for sign up on town Meeting day and for the month. Maps will be at the transfer station each Saturday. Map for sign up will go to the library in April. That will be put on LRN for the change of location of the map. T-shirts will be handed out to each bag person at the transfer station. Incentives: Most bags, plaque with name on the forest kiosk, second prize for most bags by 1 or 2 people is a basket of local goods: pizza(Crosmolina Farm), cheese (Blythdale farm), eggs (Hop 'n Goat farm) wine (Mountain view wine).maybe give raffle tickets out at transfer station for a prize of maple syrup. Ken will ask Nancy to put a clip out coupon in the newsletter to send in road sign up. Kevin E. moved to reimburse Ken \$96.40 for Green Up t-shirts. Seconded by Marian. All in favor.

V. Roots School Tracking Walk. Brad reported on sign up for the tracking walk led by the ROOTS School March 16.

VI. Mushroom walk. Brad also reported that Mushroom Foragers will lead a mushroom hunt Sept. 15.No more than 18 participants. He thought perhaps at his place as he knows the locations. Dina suggested that the town forest might have places to look for mushrooms in Sept. Brad agreed to look at the forest with that in mind and thought perhaps along the red trail.

VII. Green Burial Forum. Saturday march 30 from 3-5 was chosen for the forum. CCC members will set up at 2:30. Documentary screening, power point presentation and questions will be handled by the Green Burial Vermont. Dina is coordinating with Michelle, posting posters, listing on LRN and FACEBOOK.

VIII. Orchard management plan, A volunteer team to work on the management plan will be solicited during volunteer spring clean up of the orchard. Dina is concerned about the need for an orchard sign to insure that any liability will be covered. She will ask the select board if she can go to the town insurance agent to see what might be necessary for clarity of orchard uses.

VIII. Pruning. The maple trees by the cemetery on Center Road will be pruned March 23. Brad will put out that notice on LRN if anyone wants to learn about pruning.

IX. Bottles. March 9 Dutton, Mar. 16 Asa Porter, Mar. 23 Glynn, March 30 Kevin Eaton,

X. Upper Valley Conservation Commission Gathering: March 19, 2019. Climate change adaptation topic. Will meet at the Cartoon Studies school in White River Junction. Need to pay our dues to be a member.

XI. Emerald Ash Tree Borer. Grant to buy three tablets for mapping ash tree locations/inventory has been given by the Vermont Department of Urban and Community Forestry.

XII. Arbor Day. Glynn announced [May 2, 2019 Montpelier at Vermont College. The Vermont Arbor Day Conference welcomes the stewards of Vermont's urban trees and community forests to enhance their technical skills, discuss relevant topics in urban forestry, and network with professionals and volunteers engaged in urban and community forestry.](#)

XIII. Adjournment. Glynn moved to adjourn 8:45. Jon seconded. All in favor

Next Meeting April 1, 2019 at Corinth Town Hall. Submitted by Dina DuBois

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Dina Dubois, Jon Spanier, Lindle Lawton-Sutton. **Absent:** Brad Wheeler. **Guests:** Lee Porter, Ken Arkind. **Call to order:** 7:10 p.m.

Action items:

Marian: LRN post about orchard management day; contact Nancy to confirm we can use parking lot

Dina: Contact Michelle, of Green Burial in Vermont, for their address

I. Agenda Changes: Dina passing on her CCC folders to the Commission.

II. Approval of March 2019 minutes: *Marian moved to approve minutes with Dina's proposed corrections. Jon 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.*

III. Public Comment (Transfer Station Building): Lee showed how the new Transfer Station will be arranged. We discussed cleaning and painting the trailer that will be our new space there. We have time to iron out the details. Power washing could perhaps be done near the Town Hall (we might be able to use Dan Wing's power washer).

IV. Green Burial Forum follow-up: This was well attended, with a head count of 730. The presenters did not receive much in the way of donations. *Glynn moved that the CCC donate \$100 to Green Burial in Vermont. Jon 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.* Dina will contact Michelle and get an address to send the check to. We discussed whether we should follow up on the presentation by taking further steps or whether we just provide the education piece and allow the Town to pursue any further exploration. We will remain involved and willing to play a role. Dina offered to help with any actions we do undertake, as a CCC alumna. It would likely be a multi-year process and would be helpful to have people on board who were there from go.

V. Orchard Maintenance: The date for orchard work will be 5/11 (Sat. a.m.), 9:00–12:00. Marian will post on the LRN and will check with Nancy about parking during that period so as to avoid any conflict. From that volunteer session, we hope we will be able to form a group who will administer the orchard management plan.

VI. Roots School follow-up: Kevin E. received invoices (from Brad W.) for the tracking walks at the Roots School (\$300.00) and WRVS (\$600.00), for a total of \$900.00. Both walks were well attended. The snow was a little funky for tracking but Brad and Sarah were still able to engage both adults and kids (on the two separate walks), and there is now a connection between the two schools. Brad W. will give us a more complete report at our next meeting.

VII. Maple Tree Pruning: This event was canceled due to bad weather and has been rescheduled for April 13, 9:00-12:00. The trees are along the road by the Center Road cemetery.

VIII. Mushroom Walk: Tabled till May 6, as Brad is absent.

IX. Green Up Day: Ken picks up bags (leftovers from last year) in Montpelier next week. He needs CCC volunteers to help him at the Transfer Station on Saturdays (starting 4/13), especially on 4/20, when he can't be there at all. The map is currently at BML but will move back to the Town Hall on 4/9. Ken will bring T-shirts and bags to the Town Hall. He will start advertising on the LRN on Friday (4/5). Shirts and bags will be handed out at the Transfer Station. Marian and Lindle volunteered to help Ken on Green Up Day. Glynn talked to Chris Groschner about Green Up Day having its own line item in the budget. It sounds like this is supported by the select board. Ken pointed out that if the Town doesn't pay for the trash pick-up, the State will no longer supply us with bags. Ken announced that he would like to join the CCC.

X. Bottles: Checks are now being sent to Linda. When the Town officially has a new treasurer, we will have the redemption center send them directly to that person. / Kevin E. believes he can hammer out the crumpled trash can so we can use it. **Bottle duty: 4/6, Lindle; 4/13, Kevin B.; 4/20, Jon; 4/27, Marian; 5/4, Lindle**

XI. Other Business: Dina passed on CCC folders and was thanked for her service on the Commission.

XII. Agenda for May 6 Meeting: Green Up Day, Orchard, Town Forest, Trail Maintenance, WRVS Tracking Walk follow-up, Transfer Station Building, Treasurer's Report

XIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50. *Marian moved, Jon 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next meeting: May 6, 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission

May 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Bradley Wheeler, Ken Arkind (new member!), Marian Cawley

Absent: Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan

Action items: **Marian will talk to Tania A. about possibly heading up a maintenance team for the orchard**
Glynn will talk to Lee Porter about when we can paint the trailer
Brad will call Dutton Vought about bottle duty

I. Call to order: 6:13

II. Agenda Changes: Roots School payment

III. Approval of April minutes: Glynn moved to approve, Jon seconded, All in favor.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Green Up Day: Record-breaking 210 bags and 44 participants. Other stats: 48 tires, 84 sign-ups. Individual winner was Mark Kidder, with 19 bags. There was a tie for group winners between Team Ravenwood Crew and Team Loftus, each with 7 bags. Glynn drew the Loftus name out of a paper bag. Someone dumped their personal trash beside green-up bags – probably not unusual, but Ken plans to talk to other GUD coordinators around the state to see how they deal with such things. Ken will host a celebratory BBQ at his home on May 18.

VI. Orchard: May 11 is our annual orchard maintenance day. Ginny has bark mulch in the back of her truck and Bob Sandberg will bring a load of compost. We plan to ask people who show up if some of them would be willing to be the maintenance crew.

VII. Town Forest: Tabled till next meeting.

VIII. Trail Maintenance: No one had been on any of the trails yet, so conditions are uncertain, though we expect some downed trees, given the amount of heavy wet snow we had in late fall and early winter. We will try to walk some of the trails to investigate and report back at next meeting.

IX. Transfer Station: Trailer dimensions: 28 x 8 feet, of which 11 x 8 will be warming shed and 17 x 8 will be mall/bottle space. The trailer is not pretty, but we can do whatever we wish to remedy that – painting, adding an awning for the bottles, etc. Jon volunteered their place as a painting site, but it makes more sense to do it at the Town Garage, where we would have access to running water. We will organize a painting party at our next meeting. Glynn will talk to Lee Porter about when that might take place.

X. Treasurer's Report: Tabled till 6/3 meeting.

XI. Bottles: A little snafu. Lindle and Marian both did bottles on 4/27. The bottle schedule is always in the meeting minutes, so just be sure to check it at some point, especially if you know you signed on to do some. Jon volunteered to check and see if they DID get done on Green-Up Day. (He did do this and since they hadn't been done, he did them – thank you, Jon!!)

Bottle Duty: 5/11, Kevin Eaton; 5/18, Brad; 5/25, Dutton V.; 6/1, Ken Arkind

XII. Ash Tree Inventory: The training session at the Mountain School was well attended. We learned how to use the I-Pad to make maps and mark tree locations. On 4/22, Corinth EABers met at the Town Hall to determine who would work where. Class 2 roads are all assigned, and we have a deadline of May 20 to complete the count. We have received a grant from the State for \$1300 to help purchase equipment.

XIII. Other Business: Brad wondered whether the Roots School folks had been paid. Glynn recalls handing the bill over to Treasurer Eaton. We will ask him whether it's been submitted to the town treasurer.

XIV. Agenda for 6/3/2019 Meeting: Minutes person; Treasurer's Report; Town Forest; Trail Maintenance; Transfer Station

XV. Adjournment: 6:54 (Glynn moved, Linda seconded, all in favor).

Corinth Conservation Commission

June 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Bradley Wheeler, Ken Arkind, Marian Cawley, Lindle Lawton-Sutton,

Absent: Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan

Action items: **Marian will (1) post notice soliciting bids for orchard mowing; (2) make list of orchard maintenance day attendees *** Glynn will talk to Lee Porter about when we can paint the trailer ***Linda will pick up gift certificates**

I. Call to order: 6:05

II. Agenda Changes: None

III. Approval of May minutes: Linda moved to approve, Jon seconded. All in favor.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Treasurer's Report: The CCC has \$7,441.40 in our regular account plus \$2,802.98 in the Town Forest account for a total of \$10,244.38. Glynn has an invoice from Peter Amber (pruner extraordinaire) that he will submit to Kerry Claffey, our new treasurer.

VI. Orchard: Jeff Flye can no longer mow, so we need to advertise in the LRN and see what we hear from different providers. The orchard needs to be mowed approximately twice a month from June to October. Lindle generously offered John's services in the meantime (we hope only once). Dina emailed about possibly getting the rest of the field above the town hall mowed in an attempt to control the spread of wild chervil. We can discuss this again, possibly with whoever takes the job. In addition, we will need to consider pest management. Marian talked to Tania about heading an ad hoc orchard maintenance committee, with negative results. Will keep trying. Marian moved to give Jeff Flye a \$100 gift certificate to Farm Way. Glynn seconded. All in favor.

VII. Town Forest: Kevin E. proposed (by email) buying a picnic table from Farm Way for \$150. Marian moved to spend no more than \$175 on a picnic table. Lindle seconded. All in favor. We will try to schedule a trail maintenance day to coincide with the Green Up day awards ceremony.

VIII. Trail Maintenance: Kevin B. (phone conversation) had been on Clement Loop trail and said there were some trees down, but it wasn't too bad. We set July 28 as trail maintenance day for the Town Forest trails.

IX. Transfer Station: Not much activity at new site. We need to think about how to arrange the mall/bottle area/warming shed. Possibly a lean-to for the bottles?

X. Bottles: Linda moved to buy \$25 gift certificates for Dutton and Asa. Lindle seconded. All in favor. Linda offered to pick up gift certificates for Jeff Flye, Asa Porter, and Dutton Vought.

Bottle Duty: 6/8, Brad; 6/15, Ginny; 6/22, Kevin B.; 6/29, Lindle

XI. Ash Tree Inventory: Grant money from the state was used to buy two tablets for inventory purposes. Most of the Class 2 roads have been inventoried. At the 6:00 EAB meeting earlier (6/3), they assigned lengths of road on more heavily traveled Class 3 roads. **Next EAB meeting 6:00 pm on 7/1.**

XII. Agenda for 7/1, 2019 Meeting: Minutes person; Treasurer's Report; Town Forest; Trail Maintenance; Transfer Station

XIII. Other business: Glynn asked who might be willing to take minutes. Lindle suggested taking turns. We decided to try this. Brad signed up for July 1, Jon for August 5, and Lindle for the September meeting, which will be delayed till 9/9 because of Labor Day.

XIV. Agenda for July meeting: Trail maintenance, Transfer Station trailer, mowing orchard

XV. Adjournment: 8:30 (Glynn moved, Brad seconded, all in favor).

Next meeting, July 1, 2019, 7:00

Respectfully submitted, Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission

July 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, , Ken Arkind, Marian Cawley, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Kevin Eaton,

Absent: Bradley Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan

I. Call to order: 7:04

II. Agenda Changes: added Town Plan & Town Forest

III. Approval of June minutes: Glynn moved to approve, Kevin seconded. All in favor.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Orchard: Dean Gregoropoulos was the only respondent to the bid notice with a bid of \$30/mowing for the orchard and \$40 for the larger area. The CCC approved the following motion (made by Glynn, seconded by Lindle and all in favor): That Dean G be offered the job of mowing the orchard at \$30/time; and that the timeliness of mowing be at Dean's reasonable discretion. Marion volunteered to talk with Dean.

VI. Transfer Station: Not much activity at new site, but Lee Porter insists that it will be occupied before winter. After discussion, it was decided to wait on washing and painting the trailer, but to offer to purchase at least the CCC's share of it. Glynn will attempt to get more specific information. Mural painting by middle school students was discussed, as was how to use the trailer.

VII. Green Burial: Chris G. is looking into a piece of land adjacent to the E. Corinth cemetery.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: in process; end of fiscal year (June 30th) numbers not available. Linda bought gift certificates of Jeff F., Dutton and Asa. The Committee unanimously approved an additional gift certificate for Dan Wing (Kevin moved; Marian seconded; all in favor).

IX. Trail Maintenance/Town Forest: July 28 (10-12) will be trail maintenance day for the Town Forest trails; and the new picnic table will be brought out before then. Ken will put announcement into the LRN. The land trust flew over the town forest and took pictures, but did not report any abnormalities in the forest. Ken suggested a future forest celebration event with Montview Winery hosting.

X. Town Plan: The new draft Plan was discussed, with Ken emphasizing the CCC's requirement to "implement" certain actions (eg., trail maintenance; animal corridor preservation). Members agreed to review the draft plan before the next CCC meeting and further discuss 'implementation'. Ken volunteered to be the liaison (Steward?) between the CCC and the Planning Commission, and attend their July meeting

XI. Bottles: 7/6 Ken; 7/13 Kevin E.; 7/20 Jon; 7/27 Marian; 8/3 Glynn.

XII. Adjournment: 8:38 (Glynn moved, Kevin seconded, all in favor).

Next meeting, August 5, 2019, 7:00

Corinth Conservation Commission

August 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Bradley Wheeler, Ken Arkind, Marian Cawley, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan

Absent: None

Action items: **Lindle will walk the Clement Loop trail and Marian will walk the Blue Loop at the FX Shea Town Forest to inspect for clearing needs and will report back at the September CCC meeting**
Brad will post the initial mushroom foray announcement on the local resource network

I. Call to order: 7:05

II. Agenda Changes: None

III. Approval of July minutes: Glynn moved to approve, Lindle seconded, All in favor.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Trail Maintenance: On July 28, 12 volunteers worked on trail clearing and maintenance at the FX Shea Town Forest. A new picnic table was also installed along the red trail. Approximately ½ of the trails were cleared. Another session is being planned for this fall. Marian will be checking the blue trail before the September CCC meeting, and we will schedule a date then to complete the job, which should include the blue trail and some of the orange trail.

The Green Up Day award recipients were not able to be at the trail clearing event, so the presentation of their plaque was not made. It will be done on another date, to be set by Ken.

Lindle will walk the Clement Loop trail and report back on their condition at the Sept. CCC meeting.

VI. Corinth Town Plan: Ken and Jon attended the July Planning Commission meeting and reported to the CCC on the Draft Town Plan and how the CCC may be able to assist with implementation of some of the items included in the plan. Some of those items are: transportation, floodway protection, recreation, natural resources, wildlife and forest resources, invasive species control. We discussed the need for protection of forest blocks and wildlife corridors, balanced with the need to support the local forestry industry. Reducing forest fragmentation through public education, conservation easements and cooperative agreements are some key elements of the plan that we discussed.

Ken provided several recommendations: 1. communicate with Planning Commission what the CCC can do to support the Town Plan; 2. provide public education re: forest block and habitat corridor conservation; 3. seek a grant to get help from the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission for mapping of resources; 4. inventory the significant forest blocks and wildlife corridors in town.

The VT ANR Biofinder mapping program has useful information that may be helpful in our conservation efforts. Glynn suggested requesting that a VT DEC person come to town to present about forest blocks and wildlife corridors. There will be an open meeting on September 5 for further discussion of the Town Plan. The Planning Commission will be accepting public comment on the draft plan at the meeting.

VII. Mushroom Foray: The CCC is coordinating a mycologist-led mushroom foray for Sunday, September 15, 10:00 – 12:00. Cornell trained mycologist Ari Rockland-Miller will lead the foray. Brad will post a notice on the local resource network. The foray will be held at the Town Forest.

VIII. Bottle Duty: 8/10 - Kevin B.; 8/17 - Brad; 8/24 - Ginny Barlow; 8/31 - Lindle; 9/7 - Glynn

IX. Adjournment: 8:55 - Glynn moved, Jon seconded, All in favor.

Corinth Conservation Commission
September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Bradley Wheeler, Ken Arkind, Marian Cawley, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan

Absent: Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Lindle Lawton-Sutton **Guest:** Ginny Barlow (2nd half)

Action items: **Ken: Try to come up with more specific language regarding wildlife corridors to submit to the PC**
 Kevin B: Speak to B. Machin about who might be able to assist/advise us re wildlife corridors
 Brad: Post one more mushroom foray announcement on the local resource network

I. Call to order: 7:10

II. Agenda Changes: missing receipt for a FarmWay gift cert (add to Bottles); invoice for tree pruning and brush removal (add after Bottles)

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Approval of August minutes: Marian moved to approve, Glynn seconded, All in favor.

V. Corinth Town Plan: Ken and Glynn attended the Planning Commission (PC) meeting on 9/5. They felt that language was not specific enough about wildlife corridors or our role in identifying them and protecting them. Per Act 171, we must have a future land use plan in our Town plan in order to be approved by the Regional Planning Commission. Act 250 uses the Town Plan when reviewing applications to ensure that the development is consistent with the Town's policies. Ken raised the issue of the wildlife corridors at the PC meeting, and they said that if we wanted to add more specific language we should submit some for their approval. Ken agreed to take a stab at it. At last meeting, we had discussed holding an educational forum(s) to help people understand the importance of maintaining these corridors; utilizing the VT ANR Biofinder mapping program to identify the corridors and then speak to the landowners about either conserving or protecting these areas on their own property; seeking a grant from the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission for mapping (they have mapping experts who might be able to help). Ben Machin was mentioned by Ginny as a possible resource. Kevin B. will speak to him. The PC will be submitting their plan to the Selectboard at their (SB's) next meeting. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

VI. Town Orchard: Dina urged the CCC to do some fall orchard maintenance – picking up drops and picking the apples. We had also agreed to put a sign up in the orchard. Ginny says maintenance should happen soon and has agreed to head up an orchard subcommittee. We will help her recruit members. She encourages us to read the book she lent us: [The Apple Grower: A Guide for the Organic Orchardist](#), by Michael Phillips, in particular, the section about diseases and pests. There are things we can do immediately to improve things.

VII. Mushroom Foray: Ari Rockland-Miller, from Chittenden County, will lead the walk. His web site is The Mushroom Forager. Brad will post the event on the LRN once more this week. He has 10 people already. The limit is 18. He will encourage people to meet promptly at the Town Forest, as we only have 2 hours.

VIII. Transfer Station: Glynn met with Lee Porter and Joe Blodgett. They plan to have the Transfer Station moved to its new location by October 19. Glynn showed a chart of where the trailer and recycling will be. We're the last stop in the U-shaped loop. We had agreed to take responsibility for landscaping the berm between the road and the station, but both landscaping and trailer painting can wait till spring. Ginny will give some thought as to what plants would be hardy, attractive, and appropriately sized. If we HAVE time, we may prime the trailer this fall.

IX. Bottles: Kevin E. will try to set things up so that checks get sent directly to the treasurer. Kevin B. bought contractor bags. Linda purchased \$25 gift certs to FarmWay for Dan Wing, Asa Porter, and Dutton Vought, and a \$100 gift cert for Jeff Flye. She is missing one of the receipts, but may be able to get a copy from FarmWay for accounting purposes.

Bottle duty: 8/10 - Kevin B.; 8/17 - Brad; 8/24 - Ginny Barlow; 8/31 - Lindle; 9/7 - Glynn

I don't think this is correct??.?I know I have bottles on 10/5....

IX.5. The bill for pruning and brush removal from Amber Tree Services was submitted to Chris G. (who visited from the concurrent Selectboard meeting), as it had been wrongly sent to Glynn.

X. Adjournment: 8:50 - Marian moved, Kevin E. seconded, All in favor.

**Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes 10/07/2019**

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Ken Arkind, Lindle Sutton

Absent: Marion Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Jon Spanier

Guest: Andrew Davis

1) Call to order: 7:05

2) Agenda change. Andrew Davis spoke with us about the White River Natural Resource Conservation District. The WR NRDC is an agricultural outreach agency that works with conservation commissions, watershed associations, state and federal agencies and the public to enhance stewardship of the land within our watersheds.

3) Sept. minutes approved by Kevin Buchanan. Seconded Linda Tobin.

4) Public comment: none.

5) Town Plan Ken Arkind viewed his thoughts on the town plan in reference to act 171 and our involvement going forward.

6) Town Orchard. We are subcontracting the orchard maintenance to Ginny Barlow.

7) Town Forest. We are giving maps of the Town Forest to Chris Groschner. We authorized eventual printing of more maps with the placement of the new picnic table upon our cost approval from SW Printing. Lindle will ask Joe Blodgett for allowed placement and description of Town Forest signs. Glynn is asking County Forester, Dave Paganelli to come to the next meeting to discuss benefits (pro and con) of logging ash in the Town Forest.

8) Mushroom Walk. All good.

9) Transfer Station No new news.

10) Green Up Day. 2020. 50th anniversary Thinking about it...

11) Bottles. 10/12-Brad, 10/19-Lindle, 10/26-Lindle, 11/02- Jon.

12) Adjournment 8:50 Glynn moved. Lindle seconded.

Corinth Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2019 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (Chair), Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan, Ken Arkind, Linda Tobin

Visitors: Jens Hilke (Vermont Fish and Wildlife), Bob Linke (Vermont Land Trust)

Not present: Kevin Eaton, Lindle Sutton, Jon Spanier

1) 7.05 pm. Meeting called to order by Glynn Pellagrino.

2) Agenda Changes: None.

3) Approval of November minutes: Brad moved, Linda seconded. Minutes approved.

4) Town Plan. Ken explained to Jens and Ben about the language we had proposed to the Planning Commission that did not get adopted in the final (now approved) version of the plan. Jens suggested that one of us be present at every Planning Commission meeting, to become more proactive in the process. Jens and Bob gave us an overview of BioFinder, a database and mapping tool for identifying Vermont's lands and waters that support important ecosystems, natural communities, habitats, and species. They talked about forest blocks that create a wildlife corridor but that need more connectivity. Jens suggests that we come up with a separate outreach plan, with different messages for different groups. "Towns with lots of forest tend to take it for granted.... Make the case that development is coming." Corinth has no zoning, though we do have some subdivision plans, but not a lot of Act 250 reviews for subdivision plans at present. Land management on the nonregulatory end involves getting as much land into current use as possible to reduce tax burdens, working with individual land owners to consider conserving their land, and raising the awareness of everyone living in Corinth about the importance of high-priority forest blocks. We should focus our message on landowners with property that overlaps known wildlife corridors or forest blocks and help them to maintain the character of the land via current use, conservation, or by recognition. The town plan is the "visionary" document for the next 8 years, and they have proposed a regulatory structure. Jens and Bob are happy to come back if we need help. The Biofinder web site is Biofinder.Vt.gov. Glynn, Kevin B., and Ken have some experience with it. Jens gave us a few demonstrations of different ways the data can be sorted. They also do workshops, which we may want to take advantage of if we can get enough people to come to them (possibly team up with neighboring commissions/organizations).

5) Town Forest. Selectboard approval would be required for any logging in the Town Forest. We could hire Dave Paganelli as the overseeing forester. We would need to approach the Selectboard about Dave's recommendations. We also need to be more sure about our management plan: cutting ash aggressively or just hazardous ashes and maybe some that are valuable, and also whether to focus on ashes only or (as seems to make the most sense) or cut selectively according to the plan. There are four forestry goals in the management plan. We will revisit this next month, when Kevin Eaton can be here. **Marian will invite Ginny (Town tree warden) to attend as well.**

6) Winter Programs. **Brad will contact Brad Solon about doing another tracking workshop**, and possibly doing something with the school again. We will revisit this next month.

7) Budget Meeting: Glynn attended and asked for \$200 for the CCC and \$400 for Greenup.

8) Other Business: Ken booked the Town Hall for Green-Up 50th year celebration. It will take place on May 2, 2020 (Green-Up Day!).

10) Bottles. 12/7, Kevin B.; 12/14, Ken; 12/21, Marian; 12/28, Brad; 1/4/20, Linda

11) Adjournment. 9:20 pm. Glynn moved, all in favor.

Respectfully, Marian Cawley